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Page 4, paragraph [0012]:

These aims are achieved by a sheet conveyance device according to the present invention. A sheet conveyance device for a converting press for paper or cardboard sheets is provided. The press comprises at least one feeding station, a converting station, a waste stripping station and a delivery station for converted sheets. The conveyance device includes two endless gripper bar chains arranged for conveying the sheets from the feeding station to the delivery station, a transverse driving shaft equipped with driving wheels for the endless gripper bar chains and at least one device for sheet capture secured to the endless gripper bar chains. The transverse transversal driving shaft of the conveyance device is driven separately from the other press stations, by at least one independent motor. The independent motor can operate with driving cycles comprising at least one motion phase and one phase of deceleration and/or stops controlled by a control device. The duration of each independent motor driving cycle is equivalent to the duration of a converting cycle of said converting station.